

Agreed by unanimous consent that during the consideration of H.R. 3920, the amendment printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–417 is modified by the form placed at the desk.

Pages H12289–93

Rejected:

McCrery modified amendment in the nature of a substitute (printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–417) that would have reauthorized the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) programs for workers, firms and farmers for 5 years. Restructured the TAA to increase training options while retaining the current two years of income support for TAA for workers program participants who remain unemployed and train full-time. Increased the federal share of monthly TAA participant premiums for the Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC) from 65% today to 70% and continues HCTC. Allowed States to apply for waivers of unemployment compensation program rules. Expanded the new markets tax credit to benefit firms and workers in local communities impacted by trade, globalization, and other causes of job loss. Extended Workforce Investment Act (WIA) employment and training programs, creates a consolidated funding stream, and increases State and local flexibility. Provided for collection of Unemployment Insurance overpayments (by a yeas-and-nays vote of 196 yeas to 226 nays, Roll No. 1024).

Pages H12293–H12336

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 781, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 222 yeas to 193 noes, Roll No. 1022, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yeas-and-nays vote of 224 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 1021.

Pages H12244–52

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of Peter Hoagland, former Member of Congress.

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Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of Thomas Meskill, former Member of Congress.

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Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008—Motion to go to Conference: The House disagreed to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 3043, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and agreed to a conference by voice vote.

Pages H12337–48

Rejected the Lewis (CA) motion to instruct conferees on the bill by a yeas-and-nays vote of 191 yeas to 222 nays, Roll No. 1026.

Pages H12343–47

Appointed as conferees: Representatives Obey, Lowey, DeLauro, Jackson (IL), Kennedy, Roybal-Allard, Lee, Udall (NM), Honda, McCollum (MN), Ryan (OH), Murtha, Edwards, Walsh (NY), Regula, Peterson (PA), Weldon (FL), Simpson, Rehberg, Young (FL), Wicker, and Lewis (CA).

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Langevin wherein he resigned from the Committee on Armed Services, effective today.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H12253.

Senate Referrals: S. 294 and S. 2265 were referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and S. 2198 was referred to the Committee on House Administration.

Pages H12253, H12382

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yeas-and-nays votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H12251–52, H12252, H12252–53, H12335–36, H12337 and H12347. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

Committee Meetings

S–MINER ACT

Committee on Education and Labor: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2768, Supplemental Mine Improvement and New Emergency Response Act of 2007.

DIGITAL TELEVISION TRANSITION (PART III)

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and The Internet, to continued hearings entitled “Status of the DTV Transition—Part 3.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3873, Section 515 Rural Housing Property Transfer Improvement Act of 2007; H.R. 3959, amended, To amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to provide for the phase-in of actuarial rates for certain pre-FIRM properties; H.R. 3965, amended, Mark-to-Mark Extension and Enhancement Act of 2007; and H.R. 3703, To amend section 5112(p)(1)(A) of title 31, United States Code, to allow an exception for the \$1 coin dispensing capability requirement for certain vending machines.

NON-ABORTION FAMILY PLANNING AID

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on The Mexico City Policy/Global Gag Rule: Its Impact on Family Planning and Reproductive Health. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

STATE DEPARTMENT'S INSPECTOR GENERAL

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight held a hearing on the Activities of the Department of State's Office of the Inspector General. Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO.

HOMELAND SECURITY FAILURES

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled "Homeland Security: TWIC Failures: TWIC Examined." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Edmond S. Hawley, Administrator, Transportation Security Administration; and ADM Brian Salerno, USCG, Director, Inspection and Compliance, U.S. Coast Guard; Cathy Berrick, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, GAO; Bethann Rooney, Manager, Port Security, Port Commerce Department, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey; and public witnesses.

NUCLEAR FORENSICS AND ATTRIBUTION ACT

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2631, Nuclear Forensics and Attribution Act.

CYBERSECURITY ELEMENTS-SECTOR SPECIFIC PLANS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology and the Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection held a joint hearing entitled "Enhancing and Implementing the Cybersecurity Elements of the Sector Specific Plans." Testimony was heard from Greg Garcia, Assistant Secretary, Office of Cyber Security and Telecommunication, Department of Homeland Security; David Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

ANTI-TRAFFICKING PROGRAMS REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Held a hearing on Combating Modern Slavery: Reauthorization of Anti-Trafficking Programs. Testimony was heard from Laurence Rothenberg, Deputy Assistant Attorney

General, Office of Legal Policy, Department of Justice; Marcy Forman, Director, Office of Investigations, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

IZEMBEK AND ALASKA PENINSULA WILDLIFE REFUGES

Committee on Natural Resources: Held a hearing on H.R. 2801, Izembek and Alaska Peninsula Wildlife Refuges and Wilderness Enhancement and King Cove Safe Access Act. Testimony was heard from H. Dale Hall, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Dick Mylius, Director, Division of Mining, Land and Water, Department of Natural Resources, State of Alaska; and public witnesses.

ENERGY DEVELOPMENT ENVIRONMENT HEALTH EXEMPTIONS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing on Oil and Gas Development: Exemptions in Health and Environmental Protections. Testimony was heard from Robert Anderson, Deputy Assistant Director, Minerals, Realty and Resource Protection, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Benjamin H. Grumbles, Assistant Administrator, Water, EPA; and public witnesses.

NASA'S AVIATION SAFETY

Committee on Science and Technology: Held a hearing on Aviation Safety: Can NASA Do More To Protect the Public? Testimony was heard from Michael Griffin, Administrator, NASA; and public witnesses.

NANOTECHNOLOGY ENVIRONMENT/ SAFETY IMPACTS

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Science Education held a hearing on Research on Environmental and Safety Impacts of Nanotechnology: Current Status of Planning and Implementation under the National Nanotechnology Initiative. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT SUPPLIER COMPETITION

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing entitled "Competitive Bidding for Durable Medical Equipment: Will Small Suppliers Be Able To Compete?" Testimony was heard from Laurence D. Wilson, Director, Chronic Care Policy Group, Center for Medicare Management, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 3999, National Highway Bridge Reconstruction and Inspection Act of 2007; H.R. 3495, amended, Kids in Disasters Well-being, Safety, and Health Act of 2007; H.R. 3986, John F. Kennedy Center Reauthorization Act of 2007; H.R. 2537, amended, Beach Protection Act of 2007; H.R. 3985, Over-the-Road Bus Transportation Accessibility Act of 2007; H.R. 3315, To provide that the great hall of the Capital Visitor Center shall be known as the Emancipation Hall; H.R. 3712, To designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 1716 Spielbusch Avenue in Toledo Ohio, as the "James M. And Thomas W. L. Ashley Customs Building and United States Courthouse;" H. Res. 661, Honoring the accomplishments of Barrington Antonio Irving, the youngest pilot and first person of African descent ever to fly solo around the world; and H. Res. 772, Recognizing the American Highway Users Alliance on the occasion of its 75th anniversary.

The Committee also approved U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Survey Resolutions.

U.S.-PERU TRADE PROMOTION AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported H.R. 3688, United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act.

BRIEFINGS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive briefings on the following: Hot Spots; DNI Personnel; and the CIA. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Private Sector and Consumer Solutions to Global Warming and Wildlife Protection, business meeting to consider S. 2191, to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program to decrease emissions of greenhouse gases, 9 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Gregory F. Jacob, of New Jersey, to be Solicitor, and Howard

Radzely, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary, both of the Department of Labor, 10:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine the Small Business Administration, focusing on the efficacy of the 7(a) loan program, 2 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the impact of the Flood Control Act of 1944 on Indian Tribes along the Missouri River, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 2168, to amend title 18, United States Code, to enable increased federal prosecution of identity theft crimes and to allow for restitution to victims of identity theft, S. 1946, to help Federal prosecutors and investigators combat public corruption by strengthening and clarifying the law, S. 352, to provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings, S. 2135, to prohibit the recruitment or use of child soldiers, to designate persons who recruit or use child soldiers as inadmissible aliens, to allow the deportation of persons who recruit or use child soldiers, and the nominations of John Daniel Tinder, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, Julie L. Myers, of Kansas, to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, and Michael J. Sullivan, of Massachusetts, to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: meeting of conferees on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2008 for the intelligence community, 10 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on the Budget, hearing on Counting the Change: Accounting for the Fiscal Impacts of Controlling Carbon Emissions, 11:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, hearing on Barriers to Equal Educational Opportunities: Addressing the Rising Costs of a College Education, 11 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "FDA Foreign Drug Inspection Program: A System at Risk," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection, hearing entitled "Aviation Security Part II: A Frontline Perspective on the Need for Enhanced Human Resources and Equipment," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 3359, Mobile Workforce State Income Tax Fairness and Simplification Act of 2007, 12 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, hearing on H.R. 2878, Enhanced Financial Recovery and Equitable Retirement Treatment Act of 2007; and to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2489, Genocide Accountability Act of 2007; H.R. 3971, Death in Custody Reporting Act of 2007; H.R. 3992, Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime